

I believe this broadcast to be a clear violation of the public trust by the use of public airwaves by a private media conglomerate to serve it's own interest, not the interest of the public. I believe it is deliberately being sprung on the public swiftly to reduce the possibility of action being taken by the FCC before the election and is intended to sway voters to the political views of Sinclair management. This is an intolerable abuse of power and should be stopped.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.
John Hollis